AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph on page 13, starting at line 1, as follows:

Generally, the SGSN 12 can accept an initialization message at any address. If the SGSN 12 determines that the ~~SN~~ NS-PROV PDU is semantically correct, and that all IP addresses and other information elements are not in error, then the SGSN 12 recognizes the provisioning code as initialization. It then clears all prior record of the specified NSE in the BSS 15.

Please amend the paragraph on page 14, starting at line 15, as follows:

In the Gb^{IP} interface, UNITDATA PDUs are used to carry NS SDUs (user traffic) between the BSS 15 and the SGSN 12. As shown in Fig. 7A, an UNITDATA PDU 340 includes a PDU Type field 342 to identify the type of the PDU (in this example UNITDATA), a Sequence Number field 344, a BVCI (BSSGP virtual connection identifier) field 346, and the NS SDU 348. Since messages routed over the Gb^{IP} interface are ~~is~~ more likely to be received out of order than messages routed over a Frame Relay Gb interface, an out-of-order delivery mechanism is implemented in the Gb^{IP} interface. In one embodiment, as illustrated in Fig. 7A, the out-of-order delivery mechanism is the addition of the Sequence Number field 344 in the UNITDATA PDU 340, a field that is not present in the UNITDATA PDU of the Frame Relay Gb interface.